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LAND VALUES TO BE DETERMINED -- Chlopska Droga, No 40, 2 Oct 49

The period from 15 September to 15 October has been designated for a census of all farm land according to agricultural value. This survey will establish a more equitable basis for taxation, and will serve as a basis for crop planning, contracting, and agricultural improvements.

Heretofore, inadequate data regarding the location of various types of land in the wojewodstvos, powiats, villages, and communities made planning very difficult. State authorities could not always estimate the size of the flax, sugar beet, rape seed, or tobacco crop which could be brought under contract in a given powiat or village. The need for exact data at the beginning of the Six-Year Plan was urgent.

The data collected in the census will have no bearing on the existing land tax, which should be paid at existing rates and on schedule.

Classification of land will be handled by a committee of two, composed of a local agronomist or community secretary and a secretary of the Party organization, or a representative of the Community National Council or the ZSC.

At a public meeting of the community, each farm owner must report: (1) the size of his holdings; (2) the amount of arable land, pasture land, woods, water holes, and unused land; (3) how much of the land is very good, good, poor, etc.

It is suggested that all participants at the meetings take care that the kulaks do not minimize the size of their lands or their agricultural value in making their reports, thus reducing their taxes and increasing those of the owners of small- and medium-sized farms.

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The committee will obtain land survey records and previous registers for comparison to avoid falsification.

ALLOT CREDITS FOR AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS -- Zycie Olsztynskie, No 279, 10 Oct 49

The Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform has released additional investment credits in the amount of 640 million zlotys to be used for the development of agricultural schools and school farms.

Of this amount, 240 million zlotys are to be used for new buildings and the repair of the old buildings, 200 million zlotys for the purchase of cattle for farms, 69 million zlotys for school furniture and equipment, and 30 million zlotys for scientific equipment.

REFUSE TO VACATE GRANARY -- Trybuna Wolnosci, No 42, 19-25 Oct 49

In Prabuty, Olsztyn Wojewodstwo, there is a granary with a storage capacity of 1,300 tons of grain. This granary has been used by the Malborsk Retting Enterprise to store flax normally stored in ricks in the fields.

On 12 June, the Wojewodstwo Storage Commission assigned this building to the Polish Granaries. On 13 July, the Wojewodstwo Board consigned the building for grain storage. The Retting Enterprise appealed to the Ministry of Trade, but the ministry ruled that the grain is more important than the flax and on 9 September notified the Retting Enterprise to that effect. On 16 October, representatives of the Polish Trade Unions arrived in Prabuty to take over the granary. The Malborsk Retting Enterprise would not vacate the premises, claiming that it was leasing it from the DOKP, Gdansk, and had not been dispossessed.

In the meantime, the flax is in the granary and the grain is waiting to be stored and is spoiling.

TOR SHORT OF PARTS -- Wolna Trybuna, No 43, 26 Oct - 1 Nov 49

The TOR (Technical Farm Service) in Piotrkow is short of auxiliary parts and is unable to repair the machines indispensable for the fall harvest. The Supply Department of the TOR Regional Office in Lodz is responsible. Had it advised the Piotrkow TOR that the required parts were not available, other arrangements might have been made.

Also, quite often replacements are imperfect, and soon after repairs have been made the tractor breaks down.

Among the inactive machines, there are two which have been waiting for repairs since March. The order for parts went out in March, but the parts have not been received.

Is this carelessness or bureaucracy? The central administration of the TOR should look into the matter.

18,000 MACHINES USED IN HARVEST -- Gazeta Rolnicza-Chlopi, No 41, 9 Oct 49

While in 1948 only several hundred harvesters, mowers, and sheaf binders were used, this year 18,00 machines were used in the harvest. The crop from 344,112 hectares was harvested, instead of the planned 330,000. Had there been better organization, less indolence, and more cooperation between the members of

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committees, the ZSC groups, and the machine centers, these machines could have handled 660,000 hectares.

Machine centers are badly managed. Preference is given to committee members and administrative personnel. Records are not kept current; there is great delay in recording the names of persons or properties using the machines, with resultant inaccuracy. For instance, the man in charge of the Machine Center in Szymanow did not know which machines were being used and by whom. Instead of complaining that the centers are eating up the profits, the cooperatives should see that the machines are utilized to the fullest extent and that users pay for their hire.

At the close of the year, a complete inventory of the center should be taken, the capacity of each machine estimated, and the profit or loss of the center determined. The defects as well as the good points of the center should be discussed at the meetings to improve service and efficiency in the coming year.

FARM MACHINES DELIVERED WITHOUT MOTORS -- Chlopaka Droga, No 40, 2 Oct 49

Several months ago, the Ostrow Mazowiecki Powiat received from the TOR (Technical Farm Service) in Bertoszyn, Olstyn Wojewodztwo, ten threshing machines without motors.

These machines were intended for the fall harvest, but since they cannot be adapted for use with a treadmill, they stand unused and are slowly deteriorating while the harvest is in full swing.

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